

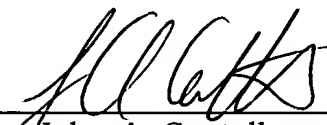
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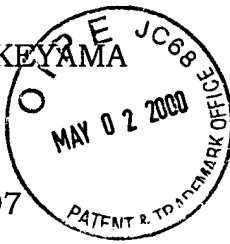
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For:

A METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE DISPLAY MODE AND
THE RECORDING MODE OF AN ELECTRONIC STILL
CAMERA (As Amended)

Group No.: 2712

Examiner: A. Harrington



REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 2, 2000

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 2, 2000, the following remarks
are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are in the present application. Reconsideration in view
of the following remarks is respectfully requested. **Applicants respectfully
request that Examiner Harrington contact Applicants Representative
Matthew J. Lattig at (703) 205-8081 to conduct a telephonic interview, if
the examiner is not persuaded by the following remarks. Applicants
request this interview in view of the fact that Examiner Harrington is
newly assigned to this application, and in an effort to expedite
prosecution by discussing possible claim changes and/or further
clarification of the present claims.**